

In the Specification:

Please amend the abstract of the disclosure as follows:

Non-slip pads for animal paws include a pad with a non-slip surface on one side and a pressure sensitive adhesive on the other side. The pad is fabricated from a material with superior grip characteristics, such as neoprene. The non-slip surface is also preferably textured to increase grip. The pressure sensitive adhesive is preferably a medical adhesive suitable for contact with an animal. A peel-off label is attached to the adhesive to prevent ~~thereof~~ the adhesive from prematurely bonding to another surface. In use, the animal's paw is first cleaned and dried. The peel-off label is removed from the pad and the adhesive side is applied to the cleaned and dried paw.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with examiner concerning the characterization of NEOPRENE as a trademark. A search on the USPTO trademark website reveals two names with NEOPRENE therein. However, both trademarks have a dead status.